

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/22/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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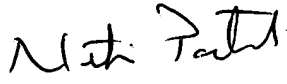
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-12 is allowed.
2. The prior art fails to teach or suggest a portable data processing device comprising: **a first display device for receiving signals for displaying first information; a second display device for receiving signals for displaying second information, said second display forming a skin of said data processing device; a graphics engine for receiving data for generating display signals for said first information and said second information said data for generating display signals received from a central processing unit (CPU) in response to a data processing application; and driver circuits coupled to said first and second display devices, wherein corresponding ones of said driver circuits are coupled to said first and second displays, said driver circuits coupled to an output of said graphics engine, and wherein said first and second display devices having disjoint display areas** as claimed in claim 1.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a portable data processing system comprising: **a first display device for receiving signals for displaying first information; a second display device for receiving signals for displaying second information, said second display forming a skin of said data processing device; a first graphics engine for receiving data for generating display signals for said first information from a first frame buffer in a graphics memory; a second graphics engine for receiving data for generating display signals for said second information from a second frame buffer in said graphics memory; and driver**

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circuits coupled to said first and second display devices, wherein corresponding ones of said driver circuits are coupled to said first and second displays, a first one of said driver circuits coupled to an output of said first graphics engine and a second one of said driver circuits coupled to an output of said second graphics engine, wherein said first and second display devices having disjoint display areas, and said data for generating display signals received from a central processing unit (CPU) in response to a data processing application as claimed in claim 9.

The prior art fails to teach or suggest a method for displaying alternate data on a portable device skin comprising: **receiving a first user selection identifying a first display data source; receiving a second user selection identifying a second display data source, said second user selection associated with a user-specified event; and switching a display skin from said first display source to said second display source in response to an occurrence of the user-specified event as claimed in claim 15.**

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

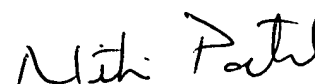
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7677.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin H. Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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